

Housing Champions Meeting | 8/8/2022

Monthly meeting – **second** Monday of each month, 1:30 – 2:30pm Steering Committee to meet from 2:30-3pm. Anyone in this meeting is considered a “housing champion.” If you know a lot of what we’re talking about, please keep coming! Difficult to keep the meeting purely basic OR very in-depth due to variety of experiences.

Housing Collaborative updates:

Share the information given in the Housing Collaborative with the rest of your team! You can act as a resource, and come back to this team for more resources if your team needs them or has additional questions.

Jen will no longer be running the meetings due to a role change. September’s meeting is cancelled until we find another leader. Feel free to email Jen for feedback, ideas, etc. about the Housing Collaborative.

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Pathways update (Kali Daugherty, Milwaukee County)

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Pathways is a Safe Haven program for individuals with extreme SUD/SPMI concerns who cannot typically handle regular housing situations.

- Slower turnover—average length of stay is 6-8 months; maximum is 2 years
- 19 men, 8 women
- If staying at Pathways, Category 1 homeless status is maintained
- 24-hour staff on-site, and 3 meals are provided each day
- Individuals get their own bedroom and share a bathroom with one other resident
- Waitlist is based on vulnerability, and when a spot is available, the case manager will be contacted. Case manager must be present for move-in

Currently at capacity, but can always email Kali for inquiries and referrals

Referrals: If you have someone who is appropriate you can complete the Safe Haven referral and send it to Lajuell and [Kali](#). The individual will be added to the waitlist.

Crisis Intervention Housing (CIH) update ([Kali Daugherty](#), Milwaukee County)

Full at this time. Temporary location, set up similar to room & board. CIH is a shared space with 2 other adults, so individuals must be able maintain cleanliness in the space and be able to handle no staff on-site. Residents get their own bedroom but share living room, bathroom, kitchen, and common spaces. No waitlist, since individuals are required to have housing pending. No food is provided.

- Individuals can stay at a CIH for 30-90 days while they are waiting for their other housing option to be ready
- Must have a solid housing plan upcoming the next 30-90 days (found apartment, accepted apartment, but awaiting the apartment)
- If staying at CIH, Category 1 homeless status is maintained.

- Prioritized for those literally outdoors and those who can't go to traditional shelter. The case manager must be present for move in.

For referrals, email [Kali](#).

Tip: add consumers to any other eligible waitlists.

Program Highlight: St. Catherine's

(LaWanda Redmond, Senior Case Manager Lawandar@hopehousemke.org)

Hope House took over the property and is now "St. Catherine of Hope." FKA St. Catherine's.

- Can house up to 163 women
- 7 studio/efficiency units
 - 6 single units
 - The rest are shared space, which includes:
 - 2 kitchens, can be used 24hrs. Must clean up after yourself and provide your own cooking utensils
 - dorm suite style with shared bathroom, hallway space + 2 shared closets. Shared key for the unit, but individual keys for own living spaces
 - Rooms have twin-size beds, dresser, desk, chair, dorm-style refrigerator with freezer, microwaves
- All units come furnished & included utilities
- 2 TV areas, on-site laundry, exercise room, resource room (computer lab) currently on pause, chapel on-site. Nurse on-site has been paused since COVID. Good fit for those who cannot get WE Energies in their name, trying to establish renal history, a start-over, first home
- Visitor rules: women can have visitors until 10pm; if the visitors are females, they can be in the units; if visitors are males 12+ years old, they are not allowed upstairs in units, but these male visitors can cook and eat with them in the kitchen area. The only males allowed in the units are the ones that are in the family units.

All tours must be scheduled.

HUD/SHP program:

Four open units right now. Some have income; must pass the application process, and is individual-based.

- Houses up to 25 women
- Must be homeless and have mental or physical health disability at time of application
 - When app is submitted, need to have disability verification from whichever provider is currently treating their disability. Application fee is waived.
 - If no income, does not pay rent.
- HUD units are in shared space (typically have a larger room)
- ***Tip for any applicant: recommended to get a tour.***
- Always be discussing transition (want them to get into their own apartment); always push for affordable housing so when they get income, they pay 30% and can live comfortably.

Referrals from 211. Must be in the Clarity System. Typically a waitlist.

Safe Mom Safe Baby

- **Referrals only through Aurora** – typically the ER (repeated visit from a DV history)
- Rent is \$275; must have a current (not future) income
- Can be here until the child turns 18 months old—either with child, or currently pregnant
- Gets the full unit
 - Comes furnished & utilities included.

Family county units

Referrals come from county. This program is **master lease**.

- There are 10 total
- Allows males to come in but **males must be with family**
 - Family cannot move in and then add male to it—male must be part of the plan.
- Full suite; furnished. Bunk-bed setup to preserve space. Case manager is working on helping them find other housing benefits for families, but no rush to transition.
- Funded by Milwaukee County Housing Division
- Does not pay rent at all.

Market Rate units

- Small room units: \$430/month
- Large rooms: \$490/month
- Singles: \$615/month
 - Has own bathroom but small refrigerator & microwave
- Efficiency/studio: \$651/month
 - Has own kitchenette with counter and stove, microwave, full-size fridge
- Front desk security 24hrs
- Utilities are always included and units are always furnished
- Length of stay: as long as desired
- Application fee is \$30
 - Can walk in for application, must pay their own money—**cash check or money order only.**
 - If they come outside of business hours, they can get the application right away from the 24hr security. Often the application approval is less than 14 days.
 - If person holds any evictions within last 2 years (depending on what they owed landlord) or has been convicted with violent crimes, these may inhibit someone from being approved. There is wiggle room for negotiation if they have an eviction in the last 2 years but do *not* owe the landlord money. If application is denied for other reasons, appeals are encouraged + on-site property management to help with that process. In these cases, it is **recommended to refer applicant to SDC, Legal Aid, or Community Advocates.**

My Home update (Jessica Shriver, Program Manager at Milwaukee County Housing Division)

Working with CARS, TCM, CCS, and CSP to do updated My Home meeting. The [meeting from 2 years ago](#) is on the [website](#), which was done in early COVID and needs updating.

Basics of Community Treatment is a rotating training that happens once a month.

- Has 5 core topics.
- All new CM or CC are supposed to take every topic until they've taken them all. If you would like a refresher, always welcome to listen in on meetings. If you have not been to the BCT in years, it may be a good refresher!

Coordinated Entry (CE) update

- Continue to reach out via calling IMPACT 211 (dial 2-1-1) or emailing us at ceteam@impactinc.org.
- Individuals are placed in a housing queue, with documented length of time homeless and a documented disability.
- Professional line phone number (NOT for public/clients): **414-455-1760**. Voice mails checked from 8am-9pm Monday-Sunday.

Other resources

Rent For Success Program: <https://city.milwaukee.gov/DNSPrograms/Rent>

- Can take this class with or without consumer. Helpful for Housing Collaboratives to gain knowledge overall.

Interim Disability Assistance Program (IDAP): \$200/month income while waiting for Soc Security. ONLY for those applying for SSI. Through Community Advocates.

CARS Housing Policy is found on the CARS BHD Provider website: [PolicyStat :: PolicyStat](#) as well as the Provider website, which has the Housing Initiative information:

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/Provider-Portal/BHD-Providers>

1. Housing Champions should be very familiar with the policy. If you don't feel like an expert on this policy, please read it again.
2. The questionnaire at the bottom of the Housing Initiative section has a questionnaire that IMPACT uses for CE. CE will need written release of information to reach out to that person directly.
 - You can ask your client/consumer the questions listed! Asking saves CE a step of asking client/consumer the question twice. CE wants to know more details later, such as:
 - a. Where they want to go
 - b. Which resources they have already utilized.

Next meeting: Monday, October 10th 1pm-2:30. Steering Committee stays on 2:30-3pm.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)
